



## DAVID DRANSFIELD IS NEW CHAIRMAN

David Dransfield, a member of Tattersall's Club for 24 years, has been elected Chairman of the Club.

In a ballot conducted over the past four weeks, and announced formally on March 24, David received 564 votes against 265 cast for the second candidate, Tony Miller.

Altogether 1,163 votes were cast in the ballot; four were declared informal and 330 votes were declared invalid because of non-payment of subscriptions.

David, who served on the Club committee from 1976 to 1986 and was Treasurer from 1980 to 1986, said after the election that the most important item on his agenda was the one he had announced in his letter to club members; to have club fees reduced to \$450.00, and the entry fee waived for at least 12 months.

David said: "The reason for this is to halt the loss of membership. I believe this is the most important matter the club has to face."

David said that his first action would be to make inquiries as to the exact financial position of the club, including the present number of members.

He would also ascertain the exact position regarding the new building



*David Dransfield, new Chairman of Tattersall's Club.*

redevelopment negotiations which were notified to members recently.

"When I know all these things I will put forward a firm proposition to members," David said. "This will certainly be within the next six weeks, providing the committee agrees."

### Members in the news

Two club members who have made the news in a big way during the past month are Nick Whitlam, Chief Executive Officer of the State Bank and Malcolm Turnbull, leading lawyer, who recently beat the British Government in the Wright Spy Trial.

They're in the news as the founders, with Neville Wran, of a new investment bank which will have to elbow itself a place in the market against the dozens of other merchant banks which have been set up in recent years.

However, Nick and Malcolm have top grade backing in the form of \$100million from Larry Adler, Chief of FAI Ltd and Kerry Packer, who heads the Australian Consolidated Press Group.

Best wishes and good luck from your fellow members at the club.

### New use for Club Room

Who has the most impressive backdrop in Sydney for high powered business wheeling and dealing?

Well, if you're an advertising agency, shooting a commercial for a new bank, then the answer is: Tattersall's Club.

Film Graphic, an advertising production company shooting a commercial for the new Challenge Bank (its a merger of the Perth Building Society and the Hotham Building Society of Victoria) thought our first floor club room was exactly the place to shoot their scenes of high finance.

Their choice of venue is even more outstanding when you consider that the commercials are to be shown only in Victoria and W.A.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tattersall's Interstate Turf Bowling Carnival.** Sunday, April 5, welcome to Carnival bowlers at Tattersall's Club. Monday, April 6 and Tuesday, April 7, Bowling Carnival at City Bowling Club. Wednesday, April 8, Racing at Canterbury. Thursday, April 9, Farewell Dinner at Tattersall's Club.

**Sydney Cup Dinner.** April 23, Club Room, Black tie, at 7.30pm for 8pm; tickets \$35 from Joanne at the office. Guest of Honour: the Minister for Sport and Recreation for New South Wales, the Hon Michael Cleary, accompanied by Mrs Cleary.

**Dinner and show.** Epicureans function, dinner at the club followed by Blithe Spirit starring June Salter at the Playhouse, Sydney Opera House, April 24. Only 50 tickets available for this event; ticket cost is \$50 includes car parking in Stocks and Holdings Building and bus from club to Opera House and return. Bus leaves club at 7.45pm.

**Eve of Mother's Day Dinner and Dance.** May 9, lounge suit, 4th Floor, 7.30pm for pre-dinner drinks.

**Ski Club Buffet/Film Night.** May 15, 7.15pm. Wine included, \$38.00.

**Visit to Goat Island.** Planned for Sunday in May, actual date to be fixed. Intention is to hire a vessel to visit the island, recently re-opened to the public and a place of great historical interest.

**Club Annual General Meeting.** 6pm, Club Room, 1st Floor.

**"Night at the Trocadero".** Epicureans plan this event for the Club Room on a Friday or Saturday evening in June. A big band will play the old Glenn Miller, Dorsey and Artie Shaw favourites. Numbers will be limited to about 300. Further details next month.

**Bastille Day Function.** July 14 and there will be French food, French wine and French music, with French perfume for the ladies, French champagne as a lucky door prize, musicians dressed as matelots and a French Guest of Honour. Further details to be announced later.

**Ski Club Men's Week.** Werruna Lodge, Perisher Valley, July 25 to August 1. Bookings now open.

**Tattersall's Club Luncheon.** Club Room, First Floor, August 10, 12.30pm for 1pm. Guest speaker, Alan Jones, Rugby Union administrator, Sports Coach, Radio Personality, speaker of his mind and club member.



# Ski holiday dates set

With the four term school year being introduced in 1987 the previous busy periods on the snowfields are going to alter; August/September, which is generally considered the most reliable time for snow, has also been the school holiday period and therefore very crowded.

This year August/September is out of the school holidays so perhaps the peak crowd period will be spread over a longer part of the season. If so, this will mean more comfortable conditions for everyone.

One lot of school holidays extends over the October long weekend and into the first week or so of the month.

Generally, down hill skiing has finished by that time but conditions are excellent for cross-country skiing. The change in the school holiday times may result in many more skiers enjoying the delights of cross-country.

Tattersall's Ski Club is planning its normal two outings at Perisher and Thredbo. Dates are July 25 to August 1 for Men's Week at Wurrunga Lodge, Perisher and August 29 to September 5 for Mixed Week at Roslyn Lodge, Thredbo.

Bookings are now open and members are urgently requested to indicate their

intention of taking part in either of these two weeks no later than April 30.

Ski Club members have again been in the news with former Ski Club President, Basil Phillips becoming Chief of Tattersall's Epicureans. For some time now this column has referred to the gastronomic wonders of our Perisher week at Wurrunga; it looks as if we picked the double with Bas.

Anthony Berkman was seen helping his wife Gail carry a one-litre bottle of scotch from a Carbine Club dinner at the AJC. Perhaps Anthony is bulk buying his liniment for the ski season.

Graham Smith, Ski Club President, has been reported skiing at Aspen with a gorgeous brunette; later reports identified his partner as his daughter, Amanda. The report also stated Graham's skiing showed no signs of his recent knee injury.

Skiers and would-be skiers are reminded that membership dues will be welcomed by the treasurer. New members are especially welcomed on either our men's week at Perisher or the 'mixed' week at Thredbo.

As 1988 looks like being another good season, get yourself organised to join your Tattersall's friends at the snow.

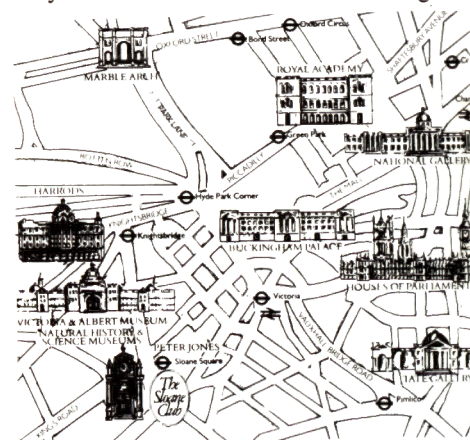
gardens and woods, fishing, squash, tennis and swimming in a heated pool, as well as an exercise room, a steam and sauna room and a billiards room.

The tariff? L150 to L200 a day for double or twin rooms, depending on the outlook from the room.

For the once in a lifetime splurge however, there are suites ranging from L250 to a maximum of L500, which of course, includes breakfast but not a compulsory contribution to the National Trust which actually owns Cliveden.

**The Royal Crescent Hotel** at Bath, is, as one would expect, decorated and furnished in Georgian style, with its suites named after such well known Georgian figures as Brinsley Sheridan, the playwright, Sir Percy Blakeney, the mythical Scarlet Pimpernel, Rowlandson, the artist and Beau Nash.

Harpers and Queen magazine put the Royal Crescent Hotel into their listing



The map shows the Sloane Club in relation to other important central London landmarks.

of the 300 best hotels in the world, while Egon Ronay gave it a Hotel of the Year Gold Plate Award in 1980.

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## A London home from home

What will Tatt's members think?

Their new pied-a-terre (that's French for affiliated club!) in London is a club founded for ladies only.

However, the Sloane Club, founded in 1922, and extending membership to gentlemen only in relatively recent years, is likely to become a particular favourite with members travelling to London.

One wing of the club is still reserved for ladies only.

It is situated in Lower Sloane Street, very close to Sloane Square and the tube station, and particularly convenient to anyone who wishes to be close to Central London.

However, far beyond providing just a club in London, the Sloane Club affiliation also offers Tattersall's members access to two of the finest country houses / hotels in Britain — Cliveden, the former home of Viscount Astor in Berkshire, arguably one of the most famous mansions in the world, and the Royal Crescent Hotel at Bath, situated in the middle of the world famous Royal Crescent in that beautiful West Country city.

The Sloane Club building was erected at the turn of the century and has 115 bedrooms, half of them with en suite bathrooms. This means that accommodation is normally available at 24 hours notice or less and that family parties can usually be accommodated in adjacent rooms, if desired.

However, the club's booklet advises against attempting short notice bookings at the time of events such as the Chelsea Flower Show. You should probably get in well ahead if Crufts dog show is on too. Perhaps the Motor Show or the Boat Show would not see the club packed to quite the same extent.

All the rooms have direct dial phones with automatic early morning call, radio and colour television.

The club describes itself as unlike any other in London and having an atmosphere that is "elegant but relaxed, in the style of a country house".

The club is situated in its own private garden, and in addition to the sitting rooms and bars, also offers a private function room and an oak panelled dining room.

The tariff ranges from L40.50 for a single room to L71.50 for a double or twin with en suite bathroom, while dining room charges range from L3.50 for English breakfast to L14.00 for dinner a la carte.

**Cliveden**, quite apart from its 300 years of history and its general splendour on the upper reaches of the River Thames, is famous from before World War 2 as the home of Nancy Astor, Britain's first woman MP, and also as the meeting place of the Cliveden Set, a leading political group of the period.

This "hotel" offers boating, riding, golf, 400 acres of walking through

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Night at the Taverna.** Epicureans plan this Greek night for August, with a heavy emphasis on Greek food, wine and music. Further details when the exact date is fixed.

**Ski Club Mixed Week.** Roslyn Lodge, Thredbo, August 29 to Sept. 5. Bookings now open.

**Sea food harbour cruise.** Chief Epicurean, Bas Phillips, says any sea food which is not wriggling when its brought aboard for this event will go straight over the side. He wants it fresh! Details nearer the planned date in October.

**Epicurean dinner and wine tasting.** This event is planned for November. Details will be published here when they are confirmed.

**Les Miserables.** Visit to this show at the Theatre Royal, on December 3. It will be preceded by dinner at the club and cost with parking is expected to be \$55.00. Only 100 tickets available, BUT..

**Les Miserables.** Further Epicurean Club visits to this show, with 100 tickets available on each occasion, will be made on January 21, 1988 and February 18.



# Ansett Round Robin is proving popular

The first of six Round Robin Pairs held monthly was a resounding success.

This competition is being sponsored by Ansett Transport Industries Ltd in the form of a seven days free holiday to Hayman Island for two.

It is a points system competition, with six points for each win, three for second and one for third and fourth plus two for attendance.

So popular is this event that the required 16 teams necessary was quickly over-subscribed for the second competition starting on March 25.

Please notify either Paddy Morgan or me if you wish to compete in subsequent events as there may be cancellations.

The first competition competition was won by John Hudson and myself and the runners-up were Harold Cruickshanks and Ian Mann.

The annual billiards and snooker tournaments are just around the corner. Your entry form is enclosed with this newsletter. Please register all the dates in your diary.

Our three tables, which are the best in Sydney, have recently been recovered with new cloths.

Sign language is becoming popular on the second floor. The reason: a regular player has big antennae. Yes, you

guessed who. I recently missed an easy pot but was compensated when our leading earthy sprained his kicking ankle.

All members send their best wishes with Paddy Morgan in his quest for honours in the World Professional Snooker Championship being held in Northern Britain.

Paddy recently did a bit of training in the form of a trick shots exhibition for the Governor General of the Solomon Islands, whose visit to the club is reported in this newsletter.

Further sponsorships for the Snooker and Billiards Club are in the pipeline so keep your eye on the Second Floor Notice Board for information.

Finally, we congratulate John Hudson on being the Billiards and Snooker Subcommittee nomination as Sportsman of the Year, 1986.

The basis for this nomination was his first year record in winning both Billiards and Snooker Championships.

But its not surprising when you consider that John, at the age of 34, has a competition best break of 122, together with 18 century breaks.

Don't forget: chalk your cue before the shot, not after. See you all on the second floor.

— Doug Jordan.

## Swim season half over

We are now over half way through the swimming season with five monthly point scores having been completed. The last was won by Gordon Salier who promptly went on holidays and collected his bottle of Dewars several weeks later.

The current monthly score point with one event to go is being contested by:

**Brian Holmes, 31; Chas Coppa, 25; Tony King, 23 and Andrew Torok, 21.**

A large party of swimmers are preparing for the Maui Channel Swim and likely competitors are under orders to do a minimum of 20km training every week.

It should be a wonderful experience for both competitors and supporters. Stuart McAllum tells me that the club may enter two or even three teams, each comprising six swimmers over the 15km course. Good luck to all of them.

The annual point scores stand as follows:

**40 yards:** Brian Harvey, 130.5; Ted Joye, 124; Gary Wilson, 124; Terry Forrest, 118; Dan O'Connor, 115.5; Bill Debney, 115; Andrew Torok, 113.5; Chas Coppa, 110; Mel Holecek, 108; David Dind, 106.

**80 yards:** David Robinson, 107; John Nicholas, 100; Jim Tuite, 90; John Barrell, 87; Andrew Torok, 86.5; Bill Debney, 82.5; Gerald McCormack, 81; Rob Farrell, 78; Tony Salier, 75.5; Tony King, 73.5.

Bill Hannon, Brian Holmes and Wal Meakes made welcome re-appearances in the pool while new members Steve O'Halloran and Dan Sydney raced for the first time.

## NEW MEMBERS

New members elected to the club since the last newsletter include:

Peter Anthony Bowe, Freight Officer with the State Rail Authority.

Gordon Alexander Jackson, Chairman of Klipspringer Pty. Ltd.

Michael John Williams, Partnership Pacific Ltd.

Andrew William Penfold, Marketing Assistant with HCF Pty. Ltd.

Brent Norman Penfold, Treasury Consultant for Bank America, Australia.

Robert Spendley Wynne, Data Processing Manager, Westpac Banking Corporation.

## VALE

Members of Tattersall's Bowls Club are sad to report the death of Peter McGrath.

Peter was an enthusiastic bowler and was secretary of the Bowls Club for 18 years.

### ENTRY FORM

Please include my name in the entries for:

GRAND SNOOKER HANDICAP ☐

GRAND BILLIARDS HANDICAP ☐

LUNCHEON AND AUCTION ☐

Day Available  
for Play

Mon. ☐

Tues. ☐

Wed. ☐

Thurs. ☐

Fri. ☐

NAME (please print) ..... A/C No .....

Tel (Bus) ..... (PTE) .....

ALL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO PADDY MORGAN 264 6111

## Epicureans to see Blithe Spirit

Basil Phillips, new Chief Epicurean, has wasted no time since his election to the position just over a month ago.

Already he has put together a programme of 10 functions for the Epicureans of Tattersall's, which will keep members socially active until next February.

There's not much doubt which event Bas himself feels is the most important. He is so confident of the forthcoming musical, Les Miserables — its already a hit in New York — that he has booked 300 seats for the event, covering three nights in December, January and February.

Obviously, Bas expects it to be as big a hit, or even bigger than "Cats".

Not all the events planned have firm dates attached to them yet, but nonetheless they have been placed in Dates for your diary for the intended month so that members can check with the office nearer the time and get in early.

The first event planned is a traditional type of Epicurean function — dinner at the club followed by a play at the Opera House. The play, in the Playhouse Theatre, will be Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit, starring June Salter.

A bus will run from the club to the Opera House and back after the show, and the ticket price will include the cost of parking opposite the club — a Bas Phillips innovation.



# Sir Baddeley cues them well

The Governor General of the Solomon Islands, His Excellency Sir Baddeley Devisi, KCMG, KCVO, KStJ, paid an informal visit to the club during March to sample the club's snooker and billiards facilities.

Included in his official party were the Australian High Commissioner to the Solomon Islands, Mr Max Gayland, representatives from the Protocol Division of Government House, Sydney and the Prime Minister's Department.

Sir Baddeley watched an exhibition match between the club professional, Paddy Morgan and Malcolm McCallum, followed by an exhibition by Paddy of trick shots and Irish jokes.

However Sir Baddeley put on an exhibition of his own at the table during the evening. Playing solo, he defeated his High Commissioner, and teamed with Sir Nicholas Shehadie, he again defeated the High Commissioner, Mr Max Gayland who was paired with

Doug Jordan.

Regular members of the Tattersall's Snooker Club who attended the occasion included Sir Nicholas Shehadie, Doug Jordan, George Mousally, Stuart Adams and Chris Bell.

Ken Upton, Chairman of the Billiards and Snooker Sub-Committee, welcomed the visitors and presented Sir Baddeley with a copy of the history of Tattersall's Club.



*Paddy Morgan performs one of his large repertoire of trick shots, watched by Sir Baddeley Devisi, Governor General of the Solomon Islands, seated left and Ken Upton, seated right with Malcolm McCallum, standing next to him. Standing behind, from the left, are Sir Nicholas Shehadie and the High Commissioner to the Solomons, Mr Max Gayland, and the club General Manager, Andrew Grecian, talking to the Governor General's Aide de Camp.*

## Sydney Cup Dinner

The Sydney Cup Dinner to be held on April 23 promises to be one of the clubs social and entertainment highlights of the year, with a great evening's entertainment and interesting official guests, apart from the Guest of Honour, the Minister for Sport for New South Wales, the Hon. Michael Cleary, who will be accompanied by Mrs Cleary.

Racing commentator Johnny Tapp will conduct a phantom call for the Sydney Cup during dinner and other guests will include leading jockey, Mick Dittman, Ian Craig, another racing commentator and officials of the Australian Jockey Club and the Sydney Turf Club.

Tickets for this black tie event can be obtained through Joanne at the office and details are printed in the "Dates for your diary" column in this newsletter.

## More use pool

The waiving of the \$2.50 fee for using the club swimming pool is proving very

popular, according to the club management, with many more swimmers using the facilities.

This, of course was the major objective of the move, which saw swimming fees absorbed into the annual subscription.

Regular swimmers are benefitting greatly from the move — financially, as well as in fitness terms — because those members who swam nearly every day were spending over \$12 a week — or as much as \$600 a year — over and above their club subscriptions on their sport.

## Subscriptions due

Club annual subscriptions are now due and under the rules must be paid within 45 days from the end of February; the period of "grace" expires on April 15.

However, as previously announced in the newsletter, the subscription can now be paid in two half yearly amounts of \$312, so that only the first of these is due by the middle of this month.

## A London home from home

The Sloane Club was recently visited by a Tattersall's member who remains anonymous but describes himself as a collector of Georgian furniture. He said it was "magnificent".

"It is furnished with antiques and chintzes and there was even a trouser press in the bedroom which is very useful for travellers," our member reported.

"It is only five minutes from Victoria Station, two minutes from Sloane Square tube and 50 yards from a bus stop with buses directly to the City.

"It has got everything going for it and everything about it is good."

For those Tattersall's members who are not up to date on London prices, this member also reported that the Sloane Club was relatively inexpensive compared to the better class London hotels.

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